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Gerard Smith/Mr. Kissinger
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K: Gerry?

S: Henry, on this piece of paper Dobrynin passed yesterday, is there anything else one can know about it?

K: I have told you everything I know. We deliberately didn't go into any discussion. He said we should look at it favorably. The President said we would study it and reply through normal channels.

S: Is this why he is seeing the Secretary today?

K: He is seeing the Secretary as far as I know from Dobrynin -- given the great communication within our bureaucracy -- on MBFR.

S: I thought I would make some suggestions to the Secretary in case this comes up.

K: Would you send me a copy? We did not arrange this. We are not dying for a five-power conference, and the President's instinct is to treat it in the most dilatory way.

S: Something constructive might be squeezed out of it.

K: Could you do a memo for the President of what your view is on the matter.

S: I will get it over today.

K: It literally took five minutes. There was no substantive discussion partly you will be pleased to know, because I didn't know how the hell to play it.

S: It's a ~~xxx~~ difficult one to react to quickly. If Rogers is asked anything about it, he should say we will study the paper. Okay, Henry, I will send you something today.

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